

**FELLOWSHIP OF
SAINT ALBAN &
SAINT SERGIUS
NEWSLETTER
(N. AMERICA)**

V.1:1

GSTO

**GTU
Storage**

**Periodicals
Size 3
(GPB3)**

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT ALBAN AND SAINT SERGIUS

"An Anglican/Orthodox Fellowship founded in 1928 to further understanding between Christians, East & West"

204 Elm Street • Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197 • (313) 483-8789

[Newsletter]

RECEIVED AUG 13 1990
LIBRARY of the

PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS Volume I, #1
ORTHODOX INSTITUTE
at the GRADUATE
THEOLOGICAL UNION

Dear Fellowship Members & Friends,

WELCOME to this first issue of the FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT ALBAN AND SAINT SERGIUS NEWSLETTER (North America). Many of you have been members and supporters of the FELLOWSHIP for some years and are familiar with its work since 1928 in bringing Eastern and Western Christians together in a spirit of mutual respect, study, worship and fellowship. In those early days after the 1917 Russian Revolution and World War I, Anglicans and Orthodox came together at St. Alban's Retreat House in England and in spite of real differences which continue today, realized their fellowship in Christ. Some of those early participants became great "lights" in a world which was even then darkening into the totalitarianism which is only now beginning to break up. Fr. Sergius Bulgakov, Nicolas & Militza Zernov, Metropolitan Evlogy, Fr. George Florovsky, G. P. Fedotov, N. S. Arseniev, were among the early Orthodox members with Eric Mascall, Michael Ramsey (later Archbishop of Canterbury), Fr. Gabriel Hebert, SSM, and Evelyn Underhill representing the Anglicans. Since those early days countless Christians East and West have found the FELLOWSHIP to be a happy and hopeful place for mutual study, worship, prayer and that community which recognizes something of the vastness and diversity and graciousness of God even in a world struggling in darkness for that light which is "the Light of the World".

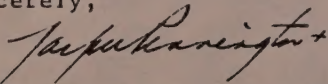
With headquarters at St. Basil's House, 52 Ladbroke Grove, London, the FELLOWSHIP has reached across the many separations caused by war and politics and cultures to join those who seek out in love and hunger for some of the great spiritual riches God has given us in both Eastern and Western traditions. The writings on many aspects of the Church which have appeared in SOBORNOST, the many publications of the FELLOWSHIP, the annual conferences and retreats and the personal friendships which have been built as a result of the work of the FELLOWSHIP are cause for thanksgiving indeed. And now that work which was so soundly begun in England in 1928 and which has continued internationally is beginning a new chapter here in North America.

With the permission of the Trustees and the advice and counsel of the Secretary, the FELLOWSHIP is being incorporated here in Michigan so that a network of chapters and contact persons can be developed to further the aims of the FELLOWSHIP here in North America. Some six million members of the Eastern Churches now live in North America along with over three million Anglicans and many millions of other Western Christians. Scattered over our vast land, we wander like the Children of Israel in a great wilderness which is constantly changing and surrounded by so many shrill and conflicting voices that it is hard to hear that "still small voice" of God telling us that we are indeed not lost, not a people without hope, not a people without purpose. It is my hope that the FELLOWSHIP will provide some part of that "still small voice" of God as we gather in the United States and Canada for worship, study, prayer and fellowship in His Name.

We begin this new venture at Epiphany, the Manifestation of Christ, and ask for your prayers and support during this organizational year of 1990.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,



The Reverend Dr. Jasper Pennington, Executive Secretary (NA)
Epiphany 1990

ACTIVE CHAPTERS, 1990

The first response to publicity about the North American Fellowship has been gratifying and while I am unable to answer all the letters personally each will receive a copy of this Newsletter and we will begin building our contacts. From the letters received thus far and from information about chapters which had been active in the past I have gleaned the following list of contact persons. Please touch in with them to ascertain their interest in organizing a chapter in a city or region and keep our office informed of your progress:

CANADA:

Kingston: Professor C. Crowder, RR2, Odessa, Ontario KOH 2H0

Montreal: Ms. Joan R. Smith, 302-7163 Fielding, Montreal PQ, H4V 1R3

Toronto: The Reverend Thomas Little, 12 Blackstone Street, Toronto M6L 3B7

USA:

Alaska: The Reverend Norman H. V. Elliott, All Saints' Episcopal Church, 8th & F Streets, POB 100686, Anchorage 99510

Los Angeles: Mr. Denis McGrath, 2265 Suree Ellen Lane, Altadena, California 91001

Seattle: Mr. R. J. Koch, 6845 32nd Street NE, Seattle, Washington 98115

Oregon: The Reverend Canon James E. Thompson, The Bishop's Close, POB 467, Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034

Illinois: Mrs. E. Brown, 930 Lewis, DeKalb, Illinois 60115; The Very Reverend Lewis A. Payne, St. Andrew's Church, 402 West Mill, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

Pennsylvania: The Reverend Arnold W. Klukas, St. Mary's Church, 509 Sixth Street, Charleroi, Pennsylvania 15022

Virginia: The Reverend C. Neal Goldsborough, Pohick Episcopal Church, Truro Parish, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia 22079

Minnesota: Mr. Chris Grainas, 1445 Frankson Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

BOOK NOTES

Book tables at Fellowship meetings are not only popular but necessary to further our goals of education. Resources for books and others materials will be listed in the issues of this Newsletter regularly as we receive notices and review copies from the publishers and denominational offices. A few resources are listed below.

The Fellowship itself.

St. Vladimir's Seminary Bookstore
575 Scarsdale Road
Crestwood New York 19717

St. Tikhon's Seminary Bookstore
South Canaan Pennsylvania

Holy Trinity Monastery Bookstore
Jordanville New York 13361

Holy Cross Seminary Bookstore
50 Goddard Avenue
Brookline Massachusetts 02146

The Anglican Book Centre
600 Jarvis Street
Toronto Ontario M4Y 2J6 Canada

Light & Life Publishing Company
4836 Park Glen Road
Minneapolis Minnesota 55416

Three very handy books are THE YEARBOOK OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN CHURCHES prepared by the National Council of Churches and published by Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tennessee; WHO ARE THE ANGLICANS?, Profiles and maps of the Anglican Communion, Forward Movement Publications, 412 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, 1988; and Bishop Hill's LIGHT FROM THE EAST, a symposium on the Oriental Orthodox and Assyrian Churches, Anglican Book Centre, Toronto, 1988. These, along with Timothy Ware's THE ORTHODOX CHURCH, Penguin Books, 1963, 1985 and ANGLICAN-ORTHODOX DIALOGUE, the Dublin Agreed Statement 1984, St. Vladimir's Press, 1985, will be very useful for those beginning their study and organization of a local chapter. Reading the articles in current encyclopedias on Orthodoxy, Icons, Anglicanism, etc. will also furnish background. Most public libraries will have some of these books and others can be purchased from one of the stores listed above.

FORMATION OF FELLOWSHIP CHAPTERS

The Fellowship Chapters are to bring Eastern and Western Christians together on the local level for worship, prayer, study and fellowship. While the Fellowship is not limited to Anglican and Orthodox, these should be well represented among the chapter leadership.

Some suggestions about organizing a chapter:

make a list of Anglican (Episcopal, in the United States) & Orthodox parishes and clergy in the local area.

send an invitation to those parishes and clergy for an initial program using some local speaker to help focus the meeting. Perhaps a slide presentation on the Holy Land, Eastern Europe, Russia, icons, etc., remembering that at least initially the focus may be on exposing Western Christians to Eastern Christianity rather than the other way round. As the chapter develops, programs on Western Christianity, church arts, Western spiritual traditions, etc. will need to be blended in.

provide some refreshments, name tags and a registration sheet for future reference and for the development of a local mailing list.

begin and end with prayer, perhaps Orthodox vespers and Anglican compline, being sure to include prayers from both traditions.

allow people time to introduce themselves and identify their affiliation.

explain something about the history of the FELLOWSHIP and its goals. In view of the North American propensity to proselytize, please explain carefully that the Fellowship seeks to build bridges of friendship and respect not convert.

depending on the level of interest, elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, making sure that both Anglicans and Orthodox are well represented.

set regular meetings (monthly, ten times a year, quarterly, or whatever) and have the chapter secretary keep some notes of the activities, press releases, membership.

publicize your activities in the local press, in parish bulletins, on radio and TV, giving some history and purpose of the Fellowship where possible.

plan some visits to Orthodox and Anglican churches in your area and ask the local clergy to give a guided tour.

while all this is going on, seek out the local experts among the clergy, teachers, college professors, art institute professionals, etc., who have knowledge to share about Christianity, East & West, icons, liturgy, monasticism, church arts, prayer & spirituality, the Holy Land, the Oriental Orthodox, as resources for local programs. Most communities will find more resources than they suspected! We have had talks on the Orthodox canonization process, Easter eggs, Jesus Prayer, Armenian Christianity, etc.

write for a CHAPTER FORMATION PACKET, which includes a copy of A HISTORICAL MEMOIR by Nicolas & Militza Zernov, 1979. (\$10.00, including postage).

application for chapter status should be made to the Ypsilanti office and include the names and addresses of officers.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

The membership fee for individuals and institutions during 1990 is \$20 and includes the North American Newsletter, a subscription to SOBORNOST (published in England) and notices of conferences, retreats and whatever other occasional mailing are generated.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I enclose my membership fee and pledge to join in PRAYER for the accomplishment of God's will in the unity of the Church, to gain KNOWLEDGE about the life of other Christian traditions, East and West, and to GIVE of my time and talents to promote Christian unity.

Signed:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE:

DENOMINATION:

Please make checks out to the FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT ALBAN AND SAINT SERGIUS, 204 Elm Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan USA 48197. Gifts are tax-deductible. Membership fees for 1990 are \$20.

O god, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus Christ your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF SAINT ALBAN AND SAINT SERGIUS

"An Anglican/Orthodox Fellowship founded in 1928 to further understanding between Christians, East & West"

204 Elm Street • Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197 • (313) 483-8789



GTU Library



3 2400 00766 7656